GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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STUDY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study of the chemical industries in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof indicating the production and sales thereof, in terms of value;

(c) the number of chemical industries given licence/ refused licence during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to curb the production of hazardous chemicals and substances in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MUKERJEE)

(a) : No study of the Chemical Industries has been conducted by the Government in the recent past.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Consequent upon the liberalization of the Industrial Policy in 1991, chemicalproducts, with the exception of a few hazardous chemicals, have been de-licensed. As per information made available by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion), the details of Letters of Intent issued /rejected /otherwised processed/ pending during the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 (up to October) in respect of Chemical Industries are given in the ANNEXURE.

(d): Government permits manufacture of hazardous chemicals after satisfying itself about various aspects like safety, environmental angle, etc. Further, it is mandatory for all chemical units to observe and adhere to the environmental standards as prescribed under the Environment Protection Act, 1986. This is enforced by State Pollution Control Boards under the control of the State Governments.

ANNEXURE

Details of Letter of Intent Granted/rejected/otherwised processed/pending during the last three years (upto Oct,2000) in respect of Chemicals Industries.

Name of the State	1998			1999			2000 (upto October)			
	LI	OD	Rej	LI	OD	Rej	LI	OD	Rej	P
Andhra Pradesh	3			6			2		2	1
Gujrat	1			2			4		1	
Haryana				1			1			
Karnataka				2						
Kerala				1						1
Maharashtra	4						2		1	
Orissa				1						
Punjab	2						1			
Rajasthan				1			2		1	
Tamil Nadu				3						
Uttar Pradesh				1						
West Bengal							1			
Location in More than One State							1			

NOTE : LI : Letter of Intent
OD : Other wise disposed (cases which do not fall under I(R&D) Act.
Rej : Cases which have been rejected

P : Pending disposal